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Mr. Mike Johanns, Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
14th Street and Independence Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Johanns:

On August 22, 2006, I received a request for a Natural Disaster Determination (NDD) by the US Secretary of Agriculture from the Carter County Board of Commissions.

Carter County has suffered drought conditions, extreme heat and excessive high winds throughout the summer months. Many of the county's agricultural businesses are in poor economic condition. The grasses and annual seeded crops declined in growth and have failed to produce.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the State Farm Service Agency office so they may begin to compile the necessary damage assessment information.

Your prompt review and approval of this request will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger
Nancy Peterson, Department of Agriculture
General Randall Mosley, Department of Military Affairs
Dave Maser, Disaster & Emergency Services
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